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1. MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE DIRECTOR STEFAN BURCA WILL ARRIVE WASHINGTON FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 6 AS ADVANCE MAN FOR SEPTEMBER VISIT OF MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE ANGELO MICULESCU. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY TEODOR MARIAN DIRECTOR OF TRAINING AT THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. BURCA VISIT WILL BE A SUBSTITUTE FOR THE JULY DISCUSSIONS CONTEMPLATED DURING UNDER SECRETARY CAMPBELL'S VISIT. AG MIN MICULESCU WHO CALLED AMBASSADOR IN LATE JUNE 3 SAID HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO SEND OTHER EXPERTS AT A LATER DATE AND HOPES USDA WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO JUNE RATHER THAN JULY DISCUSSIONS. PURPOSE OF BURCA'S JUNE 6 VISIT TO WASHINGTON IS PRIMARILY TO LEAVE VARIOUS ROMANIAN PROPOSALS WITH BROWN

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AND THEN RETURN ABOUT JULY 20 FOR 2 DAYS OF MORE

DETAILED DISCUSSIONS. IN MEANTIME BURCA AND MARIAN WOULD

TRAVEL TO MADISON, ST. PAUL, LCKNCOLN TO MEET WITH REPS
OF AGRICULTURAL SCHOOLS OF RESPECTIVE UNIVERSITIES TO DISCUSS
EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS THAT MIGHT BE CONCLUDED DURING MICULESCU'S
VISIT. THEY WILL ALSO VISIT THE CALIFORNIA FARMER'S ASSOCIATION
WITH WHICH EXCHANGE ARRANGEMENTS ALREADY EXIST. BURCA AND MARIAN
DEPART BUCHAREST JUNE 5 AND WILL TRY TO CONTACT BROWN BY MID-
DAY JUNE 6.

2. IN HIS JUNE 3 DISCUSSIONS WITH AMBASSADOR, MICULESCU
EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHES TO STRENGTHENING RELATIONS
WITH USDA AND ALSO TO ESTABLISHING NEW RELATIONS WITH NUMBER
OF US UNIVERSITIES WHICH ARE STRONG IN AGRICULTURAL FIELD.
IN ADDITION TO THREE MENTIONED ABOVE HE ALSO TALKED ABOUT
BERKELEY AND DAVIS. HE NOTED THAT FOLLOWING HIS LAST TRIP TO
THE US IN '69 WHEN HE HEADED THE STATE FARMS DEPARTMENT OF
THE MINISTRY, HE HAD SUCCEEDED IN ARRANGING VISITS BY A NUMBER
OF AMERICAN EXPERTS BUT THAT THE PROGRAM HAD LAPSED. HE WAS
MOST ANXIOUS TO REVIVE AND EXPAND IT. HE HOPES FOR USDA
SUPPORT AND SPECIFICALLY ASKED THAT BROWN ALERT SEVERAL

UNIVERSITIES TO BURCA'S VISIT TO ENSURE A GOOD RECEPTION.
BURCA WILL PROVIDE BROWN WITH DRAFT FRAMEWORK EXCHANGE AGREE-
MENTS TO BE DISCUSSED WITH UNIVERSITIES. THE DRAFT CALLS
FOR FOUR ROMANIAN SPECIALISTS TO SPEND THREE MONTHS AT THE
US HOST INSTITUTION IN EWZW#YEAR OF THE AGREEMENT, WITH THE
ROMANIANS RECEIVING UP TO NINE AMERICANS DURING EACH OF THE
FIRST TWO YEARS FOR A QUARTER'S RESIDENCE OR LESSER NUMBERS
FOR MORE PROLONGED STAY.

3. WITH REGARD TO USDA, BURCA WILL BE BRINGING A DRAFT
AGREEMENT ("PROTOCOL ON TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC
COLLABORATION"). IT HAS A NUMBER OF ANNEXES SPELLING OUT
THE THEMES OF COMMON RESEARCH ACTIVITIES (WHEAT TECHNOLOGY,
BREEDING OF MAIZE HYBRIDS, CREATION OF NEW FRUIT TREE BREEDS,
SUGAR BEET AMELIORATION, ETC.), EXCHANGES OF SHORT-DURATION
VISITS BY EXPERTS IN SPECIFIED FIELDS, AND THE PROVIDING
OF AMERICAN BIOLOGICAL AND DOCUMENTARY MATERIALS ON VARIOUS
CATEGORIES OF AGRICULTURAL PROBLEMS. MICULESCU SAID THAT THE
US DRAFT ON AGRICULTURAL TRADE HE FOUND GENERALLY SUITABLE
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BUT HE HAD NOT STARTED THE CLEARANCE PROCESS WHICH WOULD
INVOLVE MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN TRADE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND
THE PRESIDENT. HE DID AGREE HOWEVER TO MY SUGGESTION THAT
BURCA DISCUSS MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE'S COMMENTS DURING HIS
WASHINGTON
VISIT WITH THE IDEA THAT THE NECESSARY APPROVALS
WOULD BE ISSUED HERE FOLLOWING HIS RETURN.

4. BURCA WILL ALSO BE BRINGING A SUGGESTED PROGRAM. MICULESCU'S
ONLY FIRM COMMENT WAS THAT HE HOPED VISITS TO FARMING AREAS

WOULD CONCENTRATE ON LARGE-SCALE FARMING AND THAT THE FARMS
WOULD NOT BE "600 KILOMETERS APART." HE WAS AGREEABLE
TO THE IDEA OF OUR EXPLORING FURTHER THE POSSIBILITY OF AN
AGR-BUSINESS SEMINAR TO BE HELD DURING HIS TIME IN WASHINGTON
AND WE WILL BE SENDIMG SEPARATE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THIS
SCORE.
HE WAS MOST RECEPTIVE TO THE IDEA OF CALLS AT EXIMBANK
AND OPIC.

5. IN THE CONTEXT OF DEVELOPING WETNTIONS#WITH USDA AND
REFERRING BACK TO UNDER SECRETARY CAMPBELL'S DISCUSSIONS,

I TOLD MICULESCU I WAS CONVINCED THAT EXCHANGE OF AGRICULTURAL
STATISTICS WAS ESSENTIAL TO A REALLY MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIP.

I SAID I WAS THEREFORE BAFFLED OVER THE CONTINUING DELAY
IN PROVIDING DATA DESPITE GENERAL ASSURANCES,. MICULESCU
SEEMED NON-PLUSSED FOR SOME REASON AND SAID HE WOULD LOOK
INTO THE MATTER (HE SAID THAT BEFORE.) HE ADDED ONLY THAT HE

WOULD HAVE TO LOOK UP THE TYPE OF STATISTICS IN THE LIGHT
OF WHAT ROMANIA WAS PREPARED TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO OUTSIDERS.

6. COMMENT: ON THE QUESTION OF STATISTICS IT APPEARS THAT
MICULESCU WAS NOT ADEQUATELY INFORMED OF THE DISCUSSIONS WITH
UNDER SECRETARY CAMPBELL. WE WILL BE WORKING HERE TO
CORRELATE THESE DIVERGENT ASPECTS BUT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE
USEFUL TO UNDERLINE TO BURCA AGAIN THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACHE
TO THIS QUESTION.

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